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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Lawrence O. Murphy, of Chicago, has been appointed assistant secretary of commerce and labor. —— Gen. Reyes will return to Colombia and assume personal command of the army; he has cabled his goverment that war on Panama means war with the United States. —— The U S. government will issue $7,000,000 four per cent Philippine bonds for purchase of the Friar's lands. —— War between Japan and Russia is regarded as almost certain, but no developments are expected until Russia's reply to Japan's request for reconsideration is received. ——Sixty-three people reported killed in a train wreck on the B. & O. railroad near Connellsville, Pa. —— In a train wreck near Birmingham, Ala., on the L. & N. railroad several persons reported killed and eight passengers injured. —— A battle is reported between Chinese troops and Coreans who invaded Chinese territory. —— A telegram from Cape Haytian reports a Dominican warship bombarding Puerto Plata. —— In a pistol fight in a gambling room at Savannah, Ga., one man killed and two men were wounded, one fatally. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 3@4 per cent; cotton quiet at 13 60c; flour was firm; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 93½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 52c; oats—spot steady, No. 3 41½; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees: maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.37 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For North Carolina: Fair Thursday, rain at night or Friday, except fair on the coast; colder Friday in west portion, fresh south winds.

Port Almanac---December 24

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.59 P. M.
Day's Length	9 51.42 M.
High Water at Southport	11.31 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.01 P. M.

Uncle Sam is liable to have to get Colombia by the scruff of the neck if she keeps up her blubbering over the loss of Panama.

The Durham *Herald* gets off this good one: It may be that the trick we turned on Colombia was a little dirty, but we got what we wanted and we are biggest

The latest news from Manchuria is that Russia is still frozen to the ground and just can't get away. Russia, however, is sure that diplomacy gave her the grip.

A French philosopher asks "Can dogs laugh?" We rather think so. We've been up against a yaller dog that could grin all right, and that's where he had the laugh on us.

We notice in an exchange that a gentleman in Washington married Miss Emily Sod. This is the first man we ever heard of who gets put under the sod before his time comes.

The new $20,000,000 bridge between New York and Brooklyn has been opened for traffic. Roosevelt will also have to bridge over his difficulties, if he keeps open for traffic.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, is calling for "a man too honest to be bribed and too shrewd to be deceived." George, you may hear from us later, unless we are deceived in ourself.

A New York farmer was fined $50 for striking a woman with a milk pail as she sped by in her automobile Now what ought to be the fate of the milk man who assaults Wilmingtonians with pale milk?

If anybody is unhappy because they can't find out the brand of of cigars we smoke, we will say for the relief of all such that we only draw the line on those which some Chicago man is making out of staw.

The New York *Tribune* asks in an editorial, "Was not the action of the United States in the Panama revolution lawful?" Well, yes, since we come to think of it. We overlooked the fact that the law of the Buccaneers had never been repealed.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has in the Houston *Chronicle* an article, with the query head, "What is real love?" Ella, the kind we dispense is unspeakable. You'll have to come close enough for us to let you know what the genuine article really is.

To-morrow is Christmas and already the fire cracker has begun to pop and other fireworks to be gotten in readiness to celebrate the Christian festival. The toy pistol and cannon cracker, however, should not be brought out for this purpose. Last Christmas and on the 4th of July nearly 2,000 boys died of lockjaw brought on from injuries by toy pistols and other fireworks. A word to the wise boy is sufficient.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Norwegian barque "Telefon" cleared yesterday with cargo of 7,150 barrels rosin consigned by S. P. Shotter & Co. to Bristol, Eng.

— The insurance offices of Walker Taylor, John VanB. Metts, Willard & Giles and J. H. Boatwright & Son will be closed to-morrow and Saturday.

— The Wilmington Towing & Construction Co., has the contract for raising the tug "F and F" which sunk a few days ago. Work will begin Monday.

— Immanuel Presbyterian Sunday school will give its Christmas entertainment on Saturday evening Dec. 26th, at 7 o'clock. Admission by ticket.

— The STAR has with the compliments of its enterprising neighbor, the *Evening Dispatch*, a very pretty and useful calendar for the new year, the product of its own press rooms.

— Johnson & Howard, general merchants, of Rennert, Robeson Co., have been declared bankrupts and the first meeting of their creditors will be held before Referee Samuel H. Mac Rae in Fayetteville, Jan. 4th, at 1. P. M.

— Owing to the unreliability of the gas supply at present two enclosed arc lamps have been placed in the corridor of the postoffice to make sure of proper illumination for the crowds who have to wait for the late holiday mails.

— Friends will regret to learn of the death of Miss Lela Melvin, daughter of Mr. John Melvin, of Harrell's Store, N. C. The young lady was just 16 years of age and was a child of bright promise. She had been ill some time with pneumonia.

— To-night a special car will leave Front and Princess at 10 o'clock for Delgado and Wrightsville for the accommodation of holiday shoppers from the suburban settlements. Returning the car will leave Wrightsville at 10:30 o'clock.

— The Robert Portner Brewing Co, the Home Brewing Co. and the Gottlieb Bauernschmidt Straus Brewing Co. warn all persons against gathering, collecting or bartering bottles belonging to them and will prosecute all violators of the law to the fullest extent.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "Mr and Mrs E. N. Farrior will leave this morning for Norfolk, Va., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Farrior will engage in the merchandise brokerage business there. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior have also many friends who will regret their departure."

"THE MODERN SHAKESPEARE."

Further Announcements Concerning Play W. L. I. Will Produce in January.

A very successful rehearsal of "The Modern Shakespeare" was held last night at the Academy. All were present except Director James H. Cowan, but in his stead were Messrs. Thos. H. Wright and Wm. F. Robertson, who handled the play and players very skilfully. Each member of the cast is taking a lively interest in the production and it promises to be a magnificent success. The class from Miss Cantwell's school, which will compose one of the leading specialty features, is also rehearsing daily. The picked squad from the W. L. I., which will execute a number of fancy drills, is being diligently trained by Lieut. Hatch.

In full dress blue uniform will be Messrs. Register, Butts, McMillan, Potts, H. B. Peschau, Jackson, Gause and Orrell. In full dress gray, Messrs. Watson, Walker, Heinsberger, J. B. Peschau, R. N. Nash, H. Davis, Cantwell and Geo. Davis.

The committee is working up a very neat little programme in the shape of a souvenir which will contain much valuable information and data concerning the company and a complete list of the company from its organization to the present date, including those who carried its colors into battle during the days that "tried men's souls" from '60 to '65.

Tickets for sale were given to each member of the company last night and no one will be slighted.

The box-sheet will open about January 1st, and only those holding tickets will be allowed to reserve seats on the first day, after which it will be open to the public at DeRosset's bookstore. Everything is progressing smoothly and Manager Metts feels confident of success.

MABEL PAIGE ALL NEXT WEEK,

Coming of Popular Little Actress to the Academy—"Princess of Patches."

Mabel Paige and her company of dramatic and vaudeville artists is heralded as coming to the Academy for one week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, starting next week.

The company is said to be the largest and best this little star has ever carried. A new line of excellent plays, expensive vaudeville features, two carloads of scenery and electrical effects is what her management promises. "The Princess of Patches" will be the opening bill. Popular prices will as usual prevail.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—To the public.
Brewing Companies—Notice.
W. B. Cooper—Acme Guano.
Academy of Music—Mabel Paige.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—Fancy butter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

C. R., L. & P. Co.—Special car.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Chamber of Commerce in Session Yesterday Dealt With Two Important Matters.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

Wilmington Business men Urge Withdrawal of Opposition in Senate to Ratification of Treaty—Adulteration of Spirits Will be Remedied.

After slight amendment, the plan to remedy the adulteration of spirits turpentine in the Wilmington territory as reported Tuesday by the special committee to which the matter had been referred, was unanimously adopted yesterday at noon at a very representative meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. There were in attendance President J. A. Taylor, Vice President S. P. McNair, Secretary James Kyle, Mr. C. W. Worth, of The Worth Co; Mr. H. C. McQueen, of Murchison & Co.; Mr. H. K. Nash, of Paterson, Downing & Co.; Mr. B. F. Hall, of Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated; Mr. D. McEachern, of The D. McEachern Co.; Mr. W. L. Smith, of McNair & Pearsall; Mr. W. R. Barksdale, of the Standard Oil Co; Mr. M. S. Willard, Mr. Wm. Calder, Mr. Sam Bear, Col. T. C. James and others.

In addition to considering the important question of the adulteration of spirits, the Chamber also discussed at some length the opposition in the Senate to a ratification of the Panama treaty and the body at once came out strongly in condemnation of that opposition.

ADULTERATION OF SPIRITS.

The meeting having been called to order Mr. Worth, chairman of the committee, read the plan proposed to prevent the adulteration of spirits and moved its adoption. Mr. McQueen said he did not think the resolution went far enough to correct the trouble. The prosecution feature appeared useless as it would be impossible to ascertain who was guilty. The stiller would invariably disclaim the product and any inspector would be all at sea. Mr. McQueen suggested the amendment attached to the report as follows and the adoption was unanimous:

Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 21st., 1903.

Your committee appointed to arrange such details as in their opinion would stop the practice of adulteration of spirits of turpentine, beg to suggest the following plan:

First:—That there be issued an official circular by this Chamber setting forth that it has been brought to its official notice that more or less adulteration of spirits is being practiced by some manufacturers who market their spirits here and that the said practice is seriously damaging the reputation of this market. The object of the circular is to request all who have been engaged in this practice to abandon it and to give notice that in every case of suspected adulteration the article will be subjected to a rigid inspection by an agent appointed and bonded by this Chamber, and, if found adulterated, the maker will be prosecuted by the Inspector to the full extent of the law.

Second:—That it shall be the duty of every receiver of spirits of turpentine on this market to furnish the name of any manufacturer whose spirits may have been found adulterated by the Inspector, and in case of refusal to do so the prosecuting suit shall be instituted against such receiver,

Third:—That the expenses of such inspection shall be made as reasonable as possible and shall beborne by the manufacturer, if found adulterated, and if not so found the expense shall be borne oy the buyer or party who made the complaint.

Fourth:—That this Chamber take steps to have a more stringent law with heavier penalty passed at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Amendment—Any spirits found to be adulterated shall be reported by the holder to the Inspection Committee of the Chamber and shall not dispose of same in any manner without the approval of the Inspectors; *provided*, that if the shipper of the spirits asks that it be returned to him, the holder may do so and report same to the Chamber.

The circular contemplated in the above plan will be printed to-day and the trade supplied with copies of the same. President Taylor appointed as an inspection committee under the resolution, Messrs. C. W. Worth, (chairman), H. C. McQueen and H. K. Nash.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

The Panama treaty matter was introduced by President Taylor who read and offered the following resolution, which was also unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the Federal Government has negotiated a treaty with Panama looking to the building of an isthmian canal; whereas, the canal would be of incalculable benefit to the South especially, and whereas, the treaty is now before the Senate for ratification, be it resolved by the Chamber of Commerce:

"First, That the Panama question is and should be above party politics, and that a measure so far reaching in its results to the commercial welfare and political prestige of this country should receive the united support of all political parties. That the permanent solution of the Far Eastern question on principles of international equity and freedom of trade would be sensibly advanced by the declaration of purpose on the part of the United States to build the canal, and that no partisan capital should be sought to be made at the cost of an enterprise so beneficial in its effects on mankind.

Second—That our Senators in Congress be earnestly requested to support the Panama treaty by their votes and influences, and that the substance of these resolutions be telegraphed them.

In accordance with the resolution Secretary Kyle at once sent copies of the following to Senators Overman and Simmons: "The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce by resolution urges you to support the Panama treaty."

SOME SOUTHERN VIEWS.

The New York *Herald* of yesterday prints a symposium of views upon the Panama treaty question from presidents of the boards of trade in Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Mobile, Jacksonville, Wilmington and Savannah, in which the unanimous concensus of opinion is that the opposition to ratification in the Senate should cease. The view expressed by President Taylor is as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21.—I consider the Panama question above party politics. The South would receive most substantial direct benefits from the building of the canal. It is interested in the markets of the East, and with the canal accomplished the influence of this country in Eastern questions would be a controlling one. The markets of the East are becoming indispensable to the development of Southern manufactures. I consider it a shortsighted policy for Democrats to oppose such a comprehensive and far-reaching measure, and I am confident they do not represent the business interests of the South in the attitude of opposition.

J. ALLEN TAYLOR,
President Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THEM.

Kind Hearted and Generous Remembrance by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son

The kind-hearted and generous gentlemen who compose the giant cotton exporting firm of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son—and there are no better people on earth—on yesterday made half a hundred other folks as happy as the donors are considerate and true. The act was the presentation of a handsome cash Christmas gift to every regular employe of the telegraph and telephone companies with which they have come into close relationship during the year, and a word of cordial greeting for each. To the telegraph managers, operators and messenger boys and to the young ladies of the telephone exchange, each in amount befitting their rank, was given a substantial sum that was as highly appreciated for the spirit which prompted it as for the intrinsic value of the present itself. The young ladies of the Bell exchange desire to publicly express their thanks to the Messrs. Sprunt for their consideration and good wishes.

BOY DISAPPEARED FROM HOME.

Eleven-Year-Old Son of Capt. Thos. Taylor is Lost—Information Wanted

Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor are anxious to learn of the whereabouts of their little 11-year-old son, James Thomas Taylor, who left home, No. 211 North Sixth street, Tuesday afternoon. The boy had absolutely no reason for leaving that the parents know of, and they fear he has been the victim of some accident or foul play. Any information as to his whereabouts will be anxiously received by them. When last seen the boy was in company with another, smaller than himself, in Burr & Bailey's alley, between 4 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He wore a blue cap, sweater and short trousers. He has dark hair, gray eyes and is rather tall for one of his age. The police have been asked to look out for the boy and return him to his anxious father and mother.

THEY STOLE HOLIDAY GOODS.

Justice Bornemann Breaks into Gang of Youthful Negro Shoplifters.

Justice Bornemann yesterday made inroads into a gang of young negro thieves, who have been operating in the up-town districts. Many of the merchants complained of losing holiday articles and fruits displayed in front of their places, and Justice Bornemann was detailed to round up the gang. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Ellison Corner, Eddie Williams and James H. Covington, young colored boys, who at once began to accuse one the other. The old adage that "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues" was exemplified. Covington was sent to jail in default of bond, and the two others were held as witnesses.

YACHT "ROAMER" NOT WRECKED.

Capt. Roome Sends Correction to Associated Press from Miami, Fla.

The following Associated Press dispatch received last night is self explanatory and will be read with much interest by the many friends in this city of Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Roome:

New York, Dec. 23.—The yacht "Roamer," the wreck of which was reported in a cable dispatch from Nassau, N. P., on December 18th, was not the steam yacht of that name owned by H. C. Roome. A dispatch was sent to-day by Mr. Roome from Miami, Florida, to the Associated Press as follows: "Contradict wreck of my yacht 'Roamer'; wreck probably is schooner yacht 'Roamer' of Baltimore."

A son of Mr. R. S. Topel, the florist of this city, was engineer on the "Roamer."

His Mother Dead.

Policeman C. G. Jones left Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in response to a telegram from his brother Mr. Troy Jones, of Garner, N. C. stating that their mother had just died. Officer Jones was on his way down town for night duty and received the telegram just in time to catch the train. His many friends in the police department and among the public at large will sympathize will him in his deep bereavement.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

CHRISTMAS IS HERE.

Festive Yuletide Season Begins Auspiciously in Wilmington With Break of To-day.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Banks, Chamber of Commerce and Many Other Business Places Close This Evening Until Monday—Postoffice—Police Service.

Wilmington enters this morning upon the Christmas eve day of one of the most prosperous years in its history. The holiday spirit is in the air and the season of gladness abides in every community. The holiday this year in Wilmington promises to be celebrated magnificently and one will hear or see little else until after the dawn of the New Year but pleasure-giving and pleasure-receiving. The weather promises to be the most ideal; certainly the busy Christmas shoppers have no complaint of the conditions during the past few days. The atmosphere has been bracing; there have been no icy, wintry blasts from the North and the anxious holiday enthusiasts have had naught but to throng the retail local shops, which have displayed this year, without a single exception, a prettier line of holiday goods and in greater variety than ever before.

The crowds on the street and in the stores until a late hour last night were immense and the same will be true to an even greater extent today and this evening. The presence of many strangers in the throngs of shoppers has been noticeable this year. The country was never more prosperous and people in many instances have come to the city in search of something a little more elaborate or expensive than is usually carried in their less pretentious establishments at home. The railroad transportation people all bear out the statement that the travel has been exceptionally heavy from near-by points. Trains have been late in consequence thereof and the Express and postoffice people bear silent weary testimony to the fact that never before have they seen any thing like it.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On the wharf and in the wholesale district, practically everywhere, there will be a recession from business from this evening until Monday morning. The banks, both National and savings, will be closed during that period, as will also the Chamber of Commerce. The following holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice on Christmas day. One delivery and one collection by carriers. General delivery and stamp windows open from 9 A. M. to 10 A. M. Money order and registry departments closed all day. The postoffice people wish a merry Christmas to all. To-day, in order to avoid the rush, stamps will be sold at both windows.

The Seaboard Air Line announces that its freight office in Wilmington will be closed all day both on Christmas and New Year's Day and no freight trains will be run except those actually necessary for the transportation of live stock and perishable freight. Shippers are asked to take note of the announcement.

The schools closed yesterday and will not reopen until Monday after New Year's. At several of the schools appropriate exercises were observed and in a few instances the children and teachers enjoyed the delights of a Christmas tree.

CHRISTMAS WITH POLICE.

Few people take into account with all the mad rush of the holiday that the men on the police beats of the city are experiencing their most trying time during Christmas. When the balance of the world is enjoying the gladness of the hour and all other employes have at least shortened hours, the guardians of the peace are bearing the brunt of their worst battle during the entire year. To-day Chief of Police Furlong will put on an extra force of from ten to fifteen men and the authorities, especially Mayor Springer and Chief Furlong, are desirous of maintaining a quiet befitting the people. While all possible latitude will be exercised, it is proposed to have no general infraction of the law. The ordinance regarding the use of fireworks on the streets, except west of Front street, has been suspended from to-day until after the New Year. Another exception to the suspension is that no firecrackers of over two inches in length will be allowed. The official notice is printed in another column.

Two Fires Yesterday.

The fire department yesterday responded to two alarms. The first at 10:05 A. M. was on account of a small blaze at the livery stables of Orrell & Alexander, southwest corner of Third and Princess streets. A stove pipe toppled over in the office causing the trouble. The alarm at 5:25 P. M. was on account of the explosion of a gasolene lamp in the printing establishment of W. H. Moore, colored, No. 14 Grace street. The damage was slight.

Cotton Still Climbing.

The local cotton market yesterday advanced to 12¼ cents for middling, with receipts of 2,184 bales, against 1,487 same day last year. New York spot quotations yesterday were on a basis of 13.60 for middling.

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street. †

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Ruby Wiggs, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

— Dr. George F. Lucas, of Currie, N. C., is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. Bruce Lee, of Bannermann's Bridge, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. John Maunder, of Norfolk, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Mr. H. Walters will spend Christmas in Wilmington, the guest of Mr. Pembroke Jones.

— Mr. Leslie B. Wiggs, of the Medical College of Virginia, is in the city spending the holidays.

— Mrs. Russell Keys, of Detroit, is visiting her father, Dr. John Godfrey, at the Marine Hospital.

— Miss Ellen Hollingsworth, of Fayetteville, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. Emma Page.

— Mrs. W. L. DeRosset and Miss Anita DeRosset went to Fayetteville yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. W. L. Holt.

— Mrs. E. G. Goodman, of El Paso, was here yesterday en route to Onslow county to spend the holidays with her parents.

— Mr. Edwin A. McKoy, of Atlanta, and friend, Mr. Walter Gillican, arrived yesterday and are visiting Mrs. M. Y. McKoy.

—Mrs. J. O. Wiggs, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever, is now much improved her many friends will be delighted to know.

— Mrs. T. R. Bryan and child, of Georgia, are at Shallotte to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stone.

— Mr. T. H. Levitt, who is superintending the construction of a new hotel at Lumberton, came home yesterday to spend the holidays.

— Dr. N. Alex. Culbreth arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth, on North Second street.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: "Rev. R. J. Bateman left yesterday to visit his mother near Wilmington. He will return this week and fill his pulpit on Sunday."

— The following young ladies from St. Mary's have come home to spend the holidays: Miss Jennie Murchison, Miss Ida Evans, Miss Florence Kidder, Miss Margaret Short and others.

— Mr. Thomas A. McIntyre and party, of New York, will arrive tomorrow evening and go through to Verona to spend the holidays at "Glenoe," Mr. McIntyre's country lodge.

— Dr. Shirley Carter and Mrs. Carter, of Baltimore, and Mr. Kenneth M. Murchison, Jr., of New York, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with Col. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Murchison.

— Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Mrs. Wise and Miss Sarah Kenan have gone to Palm Beach, Fla., to spend the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flagler at "Whitehall," their Winter home in Florida.

— Mr. Alex. McClure came home yesterday from the Central University, Danville, Ky., where he is taking a law course. Mr. McClure will spend the holidays with his father, the Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure.

— Mr. Walter H. Savory, representing the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, was in the city yesterday. He spent some time at the STAR office, and we found him a most agreeable and intelligent gentleman. The Mergenthaler people made no mistake in selecting him as one of their representatives.

FUNERAL OF THOS. T. SEEDERS.

Remains Laid to Rest in Oakdale Yesterday—Services from Church.

The funeral of the late Thos. T. Seeders was conducted at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Market Street M. E. church, Revs. A. B. Hatton, J. W. Potter and Alpheus McCullem officiating. There were a number of friends in attendance upon the obsequies. The floral tributes were very pretty and numerous.

The interment was in Oakdale cemetery the following having been the pall-bearers: Honorary, Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, and Messrs. A. G. Hankins, Jno. W. Hewett and W. K. Bell; active, Messrs. W. W. Hodges, A. P. Merritt, R. H. Beery, H. D. Staniland, Thos. E. Davis and T. H. Thompson.

Change of Date.

Owing to a previous engagement of Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra, which has been secured for the occasion, the date of the ball and banquet to be given by the Howard Relief Company in honor of the completion of their handsome new club house on Front and Orange streets, has been changed to the evening of Jan. 1st, instead of December 31st, as originally announced. The committee asks all members of the company to please note the change.

Competitive Drill.

The regular annual competitive drill of the Wilmington Division Naval Reserves was held Tuesday night in their armory. The first prize, a gold medal, was won by Mr. J. Edwin Bunting, and the second prize, a silver medal, was won by Mr. James H. McFarlane. Mr. J. Van B. Metts, Lieut. H. M. Chase and Lieut. Clayton Giles, Jr., acted as judges.

THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF USEFUL GIFTS



According to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

NECKTIES, what man ever had enough, hosts of them, 35 and 50 cents up.

Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c Up.

Gloves, 50c up, Mufflers, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Rain Coats, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Umbrellas, Etc.

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COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Inter-State Phones 416, 146. Bell Phones 94, 64.

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OH! THAT ROAD ROLLER.

It Moved Yesterday but Not Far—Too Heavy for Wilmington Streets.

The big city road roller, which has lain idle for so long in the City Hall yard, a "Jonah" to each and every person, who ever had the courage to look it square in the face or make remarks about it, has at last been moved. But, where? Out in the street, not a hundred yards from the City Hall yard gate, it is stuck hard and fast in the mud and sand, after having almost completed a successful trial trip of half a block. Machinists have toiled with it these past ten days; have patched it up; talked to it, coaxed it, but the big hulk of iron is just as worthless for Wilmington use as it was the first day it struck town. Nearly everybody is willing to concede now that it's too heavy. However, Alderman Sweeney is yet to be heard from. He invited his fellow councilmen to take a drive about the city on the street sweeper and he was "right there with the goods," but unless he knows how to manage a balky horse or machine, he had best not hazard an invitation to his constituents to take a spin around the city on the road roller. Red lights had to be displayed on the big machine last night to prevent collision by pedestrians and other vehicles of lighter calibre.

AN UNBECOMING MOVE.

Miss Darby Corrects Possible Misapprehension Regarding Postmastership.

Having been informed that candidates in the field were resorting to such a measure, Miss Darby wishes to announce that she has authorized no one to get the endorsement of her friends, representing that she has withdrawn from the postoffice race. Miss Darby is continuing her efforts for re-appointment and appears reasonably confident of success.

I am making a specialty of Ladies set rings. Solid gold only. J. T. Burke. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

ONE WEEK.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 28th.

Return of Wilmington's favorite,

MABEL PAIGE,

and an excellent company.

5.....Big Vaudeville Acts.....5

MONDAY NIGHT,

"THE PRINCESS OF PATCHES."

Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.

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Folding Bed!

For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

For further information apply at the Star Office.

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FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

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Notice to the Public.

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance prohibiting shooting fireworks in the city will not be enforced during the Holidays, from December 24th, 1903, to January 1st, 1904, inclusive, except that Canton Crackers over two inches in length will be prohibited. No fireworks, however, will be allowed west of Front street.

By order of the Mayor.

JOHN J. FURLONG,
dec 24 2t Chief of Police.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

KING MENELIK IS OUR'N.

King Menelik, of Abyssinia, on the 21st instant, received United States Consul General Skinner with great pomp and marked cordiality. Before the Americans reached the King's capital, he sent out several thousand Ethiopian soldiers to escort them in, and the thing was done in great shape.

Some of the American papers referred to Menelik recently as a big black negro, and some other papers poked fun at them for their supposed lack of knowledge. However, we recently read a magazine article from a writer who paid the King a visit, and the magazine man throws some light on his countenance. He says Menelik is a sure enough big nigger, but that he is a shrewd, progressive and broad monarch. His rule is perfectly absolute, but not tyranical, and he owns millions and does as he pleases, with no man to stay his hand. His country is rich and exceedingly productive; but it is not necessary to say this, for it might be inferred from the fact that Uncle Sam has sent an envoy to the King to see if there is anything doing.

Uncle Sam is too busy himself in arranging his Panama matters, so he just sent his representative to go up against Menelik. He sent a slick article in the person of Skinner, and if the king could only understand English he would have an eye out for the real meaning of the expressive name of Uncle Sam's representative.

The king will behold that we have salaamed and salaamed from afar, that we have bowed and scraped and bent the knee and kissed his hand, and now all "hands" have been dealt for the finest skin game the fat old black specimen of royalty ever got into.

The attention which is being paid to Menelik by the nations of the world shows that if you are hungry for people to run after you, just have wealth and riches enough to do business. Your color cuts no figure, but it is the color of your money, the richness of your gold mines, the value of your ivory, the immensity of your rubber supply and other worldly possessions that make acquaintanceship worth scraping.

Judging from the press reports, Skinner lubricated the old king with his own oleaginous and honeyed palaver and fawningly emited and delivered the voluble and rib-tickling compliments and ponderous words of profound consideration sent over by Roosevelt to the big African.

Ah, there! Menelik, get down to business now. We need you in our business, and, most noble sire, you do well to put in the entering wedge by promising to make an Abyssinian exhibit at the St. Louis Expostion the coming year.

CHRISTMAS JOYS AND WOES.

That Christmas will be here tomorrow will make most people happy, but it will also bring sadness to some hearts whose fortunes will not permit them to appreciate the joyous festival as will the more fortunate. Some will, therefore, be merry and others will be full of woe.

In the giddy hilarity of Christmas people are apt to forget the misery of others, but should it not be a season when those whom fortnne has favored should give joy to those whom adversity has frowned upon?

This brings to mind the awfully sad story which the associated press dispatches told about on Sunday. With Christmas near at hand, and no funds in the family purse to buy even toy gifts for his children, Roscoe W. Derby, of Cleveland, O., a mechanic, aged 45 years, exterminated his family early Sunday morning by shooting his wife and three little children, aged 8, 7 and 5 years. The unhappy man then shot himself and all five of the family lay dead in the home that Santa Claus was probably to overlook.

To make the story all the sader, Derby was responsible for his own misery. He had been wasting his money in betting on the races. Pool-room race checks were fonnd abnut the house.

Chairman Rollins, of the State Republican executive committee, talks like a tea pot. He goes on making the assertion that he is confident that the Republican party will carry Norrh Carolina next year. Talk is cheap, but buncombe like that is hardly worth the space to allude to it in a serious vein.

NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. †

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NEGRO CRIMES STARTLING THE NORTH.

The awful crimes of negroes at the North are startling the people in communities where the blacks have gathered in the past few years. In many large cities a negro was a rarity, but here of late they are quite in evidence.

The worst part of it is that the negro in Northern communities is giving the people a practical lesson in his brutal crimes and law-breaking propensities. We hardly pick up a New York or Philadelphia paper that we do not find where some community has been terribly aroused over some great outrage committed by a negro.

Recently in New York and Philadelphia negroes have attempted or committed the crime on white girls for which the inexorable penalty in the South is lynching. In the Philadelphia *Press* of Monday is a long account of a brutal assault by a negro on Miss Mary Magee, on a road in the suburbs. He robbed her and knocked her senseless. Miss Eela May Saylor, Miss Magee's companion, acted the heroine, and fought the negro so viciously with a hat pin that he had to retreat.

The *Press* gives a long account of the terrible experience of the young ladies, and hints that there would have been a lynching if the brute had been caught. The following is a brief extract from the account:

"If the negro who robbed Miss Mary Magee and then knocked her senseless on the country road between Holmes and Norwood on Saturday night, is caught he will be likely to learn something about swift justice, for the entire countryside is aroused.

"Already plans have been made for reforming the local vigilance committee which a couple of years ago put an end to a veritable reign of terror created by negro thugs.

"That the assailant in this latest outrage stopped at only robbery was probably due the brave fight made by Miss Eela May Saylor, who was with Miss Magee and who kept the negro off with a hatpin until the sound of approaching footsteps put him to flight."

Thus the North is being brought face to face with one of the worst features of the race problem. No wonder it has come to pass that the negro is not a welcome element in the North.

The statute of limintations, it appears, is all that saves Perry Heath from being prosecuted for his connection with the Postoffice Department scandals. Influences strong enough to saye him have done the work, but it does not save him from being convicted by public opinion. Even the New York *Tribune*, stalwart Republican, has had a case of nausea over the Perry business and wants the Republican party to spew him out. The *Tribune* declares that he must be made to walk the plank as secretary of the Republican National Executive Committee.

TWINKLINGS.

— Staylate—May I have a kiss before I go? Miss Weary—If I give you one will you really go?—*Judge.*

— Bachelor—What are you going to give your wife for Christmas? Benedict — Handkerchiefs. Nothing but handkerchiefs! Why's that? So she won't always be borrowing mine.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—"Don't you know that you could buy a fine house with what you spend in luxuries?" "Yes," answered the easy-going man, "but my tastes aren't so luxurious as to make me want a fine house."—*Washington Star.*

— Uncle George—Don't you know you are killing yourself staying up till midnight every night? Stephen—What are you talking about? Is not that the only sure way to make one's days long in the land?—*Boston Transcript.*

—"I wonder who that woman is whose hat is on crooked, and who looks bothered half to death," said a man on the back platform of a street car. "That's my wife," said Mr. Meekton. "She's bothered to death for fear she won't get to her 'Don't Worry' club in time to attend the election of officers.—*Washington Star.*

— Lacy's Prescience.—Representative Lacy, of Iowa, author of the song bird law and the scholar of the house, was criticising one of the hideous portraits of ancient speakers that hang in the house lobby. "It is not good art," he said. "Huh, Lacy," broke in Col. Pete Hepburn, "what do you know about art? You are no painter. How can you tell a bad picture? You never painted one." "No," Lacy replied; "I never laid an egg either, but I can tell a bad one just the same."—*Louisville Herald.*

— Lawley (expert shorthand reporter—I say, James, the boy from the newspaper office has called for the report of that lecture. Is it finished. James (a novice)—All but a short sentence in the middle of it, and I can't for the life of me make out from my notes what it is. Lawley—Oh, just put in 'great applause' and let it go. James acts on the suggestion and the lecture is sent for publication with the doctored part reading: "Friends I will detain you but a few moments longer. (Great applause)"—*Tit-Bits.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— The Southern Bell Telephone Company has absorbed the Inter-State Telephone & Telegraph Company's exchange at Goldsboro.

— Wilson *Times*: The stock of liquors for the Wilson dispensary is fast arriving and being placed in the dispensary on Tarboro street.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: Among the new enterprises apparently on docket for Gaston county is the fur hat factory to be established by Mr. C. T. Thomas, at Lucia. Mr. Thomas has leased the McIntosh milling plant for that purpose.

— U. S Senator F. M. Simmons is one of the Democratic senators who are favorable to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. The Louisiana Legislature has instructed its two senators from that State to vote for ratification.

—J. A. Fowler, an employe of the Southern Railway, was knocked in the head with a club and robbed by a negro near the Spencer shops, on Monday night. His skull was fractured and he was found unconscious. The negro snatched a suit case from him and escaped.

— The Asheville *Citizen* mentions that parties are boring in the vicinity of Asheville, and it is said have fine prospects for striking oil. It also states that the board of aldermen have granted a franchise for a pipe line to light the city with natural gas. Many thousands of dollars are being put into the two enterprises.

— Work on the big power dam at the Buck Horn Falls, on the Cape Fear above Fayetteville, is still progressing nicely, and notwithstanding the weather has been continuously cold for several days it seems there will be but little check in the work until the dam is completed. It is said that the company expects to have a force of State convicts to work upon the construction after Christmas.

— At Pantego, Beaufort county, last Sunday, a baby having the appearance of being just born, was found tied up in a bag, by a fisherman in Cukeler creek, about one mile and a half from that village. The fisherman went out to place his nets and found the bag containing the baby entangled in the net. The baby has every resemblance of a white child and possibly had been in the water two weeks or more. Who its parents are is a mystery still unsolved. As yet no one is under suspicion.

— Goldsboro *Argus*, Dec. 25th: Henry Pate, a negro living on the plantation of Capt. A. L. Sasser, has been arrested and placed in jail. He is charged with the killing Bunn Capps, who was found on the roadside in that locality with his skull crushed about two week ago. The preliminary trial has not been held yet, but it is learned that there is considerable circumstantial evidence against Pate. He had in his possession some days ago a knife which belonged to Capps, and there are other circumstances which will probably clear up the mystery surrounding the death of Capps.

— The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh *Post*, under date of December 22nd, says complaints affecting the judicial cause of United States District Court Judge Jas. E. Boyd, of the Western North Carolina district, and the committee on the judiciary has the charges on filed but Judge Jenkins, chairman of the committee, refuses either to disclose the nature of the charges or the names of those who filed them. It looks like an effort will be made to impeach Judge Boyd. In an interview Judge Boyd tells the Greensboro *Record* that he knows nothing of the charges and that the news is sent out by his enemies.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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Gen'l Passenger Agt.,
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CURRENT COMMENT.

— King Menelik is up against the American agent, Skinner. Never again will Meney appreciate Shakespeare's line "what's in a name, etc."—*Rome Tribune.*

— One difficulty with Mr. Roosevelt's policy toward Colombia is that there is nothing down there for us to remember. Some incident like the Maine, for instance, would be worth a great deal as a strike-breaker among voters.—*Chattanooga Times.*

— The Democratic Senators might condemn the administration for its alleged precipitation in recognizing the Panama republic, but they should not let their wrath prevent them from voting for the canal treaty. Let us have the canal, and as soon as it can be built.—*Nashville American.*

— On and after Jan. 1st, it is announced by the officials of the Northern Pacific ralroad, all employes of the company will be required to abstain from the use of intexicating beverage on or off duty. The general public has an idea that such a regulation rigidly enforced would markedly decrease the number of railroad accidents.—*Chattanooga Times.*

— The trouble with the postoffice department is that it is used too much to reward politicians, who act as if they think that they have already earned the salaries in party service. They wouldn't bother their hands with practical and economical business plans, and probably couldn't if they would. This sort of thing leads to widespread indifference, and indifference leads to inefficiency and "graft." The postoffice department needs business administration, first of all.—*Sioux City Tribune.*

— Are we to have a great army and a great navy simply for the pride there be in possessing a fierce fighting establishment? Do we desire to be able to boast that we can whip anything that runs athwart our bows? Or is the prediction of war begotten of our extensive expansion policy? Are we so wicked and so ambitious for possessions, not to use any more violent phraseology, that we have place dourselves beyond the hope of peace?—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— If Gen. Wood were to ask for an official inquiry and show a willingness to be examined as to the Runcie charges, he would be doing what most army officers would do who found themselves under fire. The expense of detaching General Wood from his command and bringing him from the other side of the world should not be considered when the good of the service is involved. His vindication should precede confirmation as major general, and not oome after it, and he should be more anxious to be vindicated than even the president is to see him promoted.—*N. Y. Sun.*

— H (whose wife has been reading some of his old love letters to him)—What is the use of keeping all those old things? She—Lest we forget—lest we forget.—*Brooklyn Life.*

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 24.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Ameria, (Br) 1,575 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.
Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.
Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.
Millie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Maffitt.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.
Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Maffitt.
Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Maffitt.
Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm, with sales at $1.60@1.50 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1 60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	29
Rosin	65
Tar	521
Crude turpentine	144

Receipts same day last year—46 casks spirits turpentine, 320 barrels rosin, 402 barrels tar, 100 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm at 12⅝c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8c for middling.

Receipts—2,184 bales; same day last year, 1,487.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Money on call was easy at 3½@4 per cent., closing bid 3½ per cent., and offered at 4 per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days, 5½@6 per cent; ninety days 5½@6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.10@484.20 for demand and 480.875 @481 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 481½@482 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480½@480½. Bar silver 55½. Mexican dollars 42½. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109½; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 110½; U.S. 5's, registered, 101½; do. coupon, 101½; Southern Railway, 5's, 114½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 78½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33; Manhattan L 143; New York Central 119½; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 76½; do. 2nd preferred 60½; St. Paul 143½; do. pref'd, 172½; Southern Railway 20½; do. pref'd 78; Amalgamated Copper 48½; People's Gas 96½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 35; U. S. Leather 7; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75½; Western Union 87½; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 58½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 37; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 96; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 23.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 12½@13; do. preferred, 22½ bid; do. bonds, fours, 72@72½. Atlantic Coast Line, common, —; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet at 59@59½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales—barrels; A,B,C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts 549 casks; sales 576 casks; exports 351 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 5,438 barrels; sales 3,139 barrels; exports 5,959 barrels. Quote: A, B,C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W, $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of four points to an advance of seven points, the irregularity resulting from the depressing influence of rather disappointing cables as opposed to prospects for slightly smaller receipts, bullish advices from New Orleans and continued bull support. For a time the market ruled firm, but after advancing another few points broke under liquidation until prices were about three to seven points net lower. New Orleans kept sending in big buying orders, however, and on the decline the local bull leader became an aggressive buyer so that quotations were soon soaring up toward still higher levels with the tip coming from the New Orleans houses that the bulls intended putting this market on a 14 cent basis before Christmas. Trading here was extremely active and the market was feverishly strong with prices around midday net nineteen to twenty-four points higher and January quoted at 13 45. March 13.69; May at 13.80 and July at 13 31, this being the highest range of prices ever established on so many options since war times. The advance at this time was about three-quarters of a cent since the close of the market on last Monday night; and such gains as this naturally attracted profit taking of the heavy sort. Still, after sagging back about ten points the market took the long cotton with surprising ease, frequently rallying several points until in the last hour prices broke badly under a perfect avalanche of selling that seemed to come from all quarters. In the last five minutes the market broke, and so great was the confusion that trades were being made three and five points apart for the same option at the same time in different parts of the ring. At the close the market had lost almost all of its gains and was finally easy at a decline of three points to an advance of seven points. Sales were 1,300,000 bales. It was also reported that good sales of cotton had been made at advanced prices in the interior. Exports were light.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cotton quiet at 13.60c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts — bales; stock 74,473 bales.

Cotton futures market closed easy; December 13.19, January 13.27, February 13.37, March 13.47, April 13.50, May 13.58, June 13 57, July 13.56, August 13.26.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 30 points higher; middling uplands 13.60; middling gulf 13.85c; sales 318 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 51,754 bales; exports to Great Britain 115 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 15,126 bales; Mexico — bales; exports to Japan 1,444 bales; exports to Mexico 150 bales; stock 890,863 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 230,644 bales; exports to Great Britain 70,468 bales; exports to France 11,816 bales; exports to the Continent 102,556 bales; exports to Japan 1,444 bales; exports to Mexico 150 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,868,673 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,450,849 bales; exports to France 496,254 bales; exports to the Continent 1,517,805 bales; exports to Japan 21,849 bales; exports to Mexico 17,205 bales.

Dec 23.—Galveston, firm at 13c, net receipts 14,190 bales; Norfolk, dull at —, net receipts 3,000 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.25c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13.30c, net receipts 50 bales; Wilmington, firm at 12.75c, net receipts 2,183 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 13.85c, net receipts 81 bales; Savannah, firm at 13¼, net receipts 4,039 bales; New Orleans, steady at 13¼c, net receipts 17,889 bales; Mobile, firm at 12 15-16, net receipts 1,273 bales; Memphis, steady at 13c, net receipts 3,303 bales; Augusta, firm at 13½c, net receipts 2,543 bales; Charleston, firm at 13c, net receipts 594 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Flour was moderately active and firm. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 93½c. Options closed ⅜@1c net advance, December being strongest on a further scare of shorts. Sales: May closed 86½c; July closed 83⅜c; December closed 93⅜c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 52. Options closed ½c net higher: May closed 50c; December 51½c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 41½. Options nominal. Lard firm; Western steam $7 10; refined firm; continent $7 25; compound 6½@6½. Pork firm. Tallow firm. Butter quiet; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4⅝@5c; other domestic 3½@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $20 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Molasses firm. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 36c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3 1-16@3½c; centrifugal 96 test 3 9-16c; molasses sugar 2 13 16@2½c; refined quiet. Cotton seed oil was moderately active and considerably higher. Quotations—Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39 @40c; prime winter yellow 40@43c.

CHICAGO, December 23.—Reports of drouth in Texas and an improved export demand to-day caused strength in wheat. The May delivery closed ½c higher, May corn up ½c, oats ½c higher and provisions 12½ to 30c improved.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cash prices: Flour slow and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 79@80½c; No 2 red 82@86c. Corn—No. 2 41½c; No. 2 yellow 43½. Oats—No. 2 35½@35½; No. 3 white 34½@37½. Rye—No. 2 52½. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 87½@12 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 60@62½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12@6 37½. Dry clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short new, 80⅝, 81, 80, 80⅞; May 82⅝@82⅞, 83½, 82½, 83½c; July 77½, 77⅞@78, 77½, 77½c. Corn—No. 2 December 41½, 41½, 41½, 41½c; May 43⅝, 44½, 43⅝, 44c; July 43⅝, 43⅝, 43½@43⅝, 42½@43½c. Oats—No. 2 December 34⅞, 35, 34⅞, 35; May 37@37½, 37½@37⅞, 36⅞, 37½c; July 34, 34½, 34, 34½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 85, 12 00, 11 85, 11 92½; May $12 10, 12 40, 12 10, 12 35. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 50, 6 65, 6 50, 6 60; May $6 72½, 6 85, 6 70, 6 82½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 25, 6 27½, 6 35, 6 32½; May $6 45, 6 57½, 6 45, 6 52½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7c; mild firm; Cordova 8½@13c. The market for coffee futures opened steady, advancing 5 points on European buying. After midday and during the balance of the session the market was very active and generally firm on aggressive bull support and heavy European buying. The close was steady at a net gain of 10 points, with sales reported of 531,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices 18 points higher; American middling fair 7.50d; good middling 7.34d; middling 7.24d; low middling 7.18d; good ordinary 7.08d; ordinary 6.88d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,600 bales American. Receipts 22,000 bales, including 8,100 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 7.14d; December and January 7.10d; January and February 7.07d; February and March 7.05@7.06d; March and April 7.04d; April and May 7.03d; May and June 7.02d; June and July 7.00d; July and August 6.97d; August and September 6.81d.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

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FOREIGN.

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A. & Y. Railroad—101 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 77 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—65 bales cotton, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

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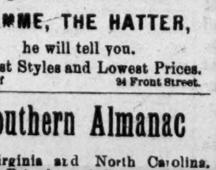
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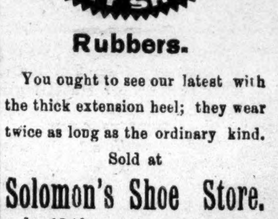
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At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250 00 00	Surplus and net profits	104,508 50
Bank Building	20,500 00	Circulation	9 0,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 6 24	Deposits	1,027 149 98
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Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,308 88. Nov. 17th, 1902, $31,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,027,149 98

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AFLOAT WITH THE DEAD

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One morning when the American ship Tornado was about fifty miles south of the Madeiras I was called to the lookout two hours after midnight. I was digging my eyes and fighting away sleep when a curious sound from over the bows caught my ear. It was a dark night, with not a star visible, and I could not see beyond the end of the jib boom. As I listened to the noise the only thing I could compare it to was the noses of sharks bumping against a small boat.

It would have been ridiculous to call to the mate and give him any such explanation, but I finally reported the curious noises and left the cause for him to find out. He brought up and lighted a port fire, and the glare illuminated the sea for a hundred feet around, and the first thing we saw was a ship's boat within half a cable's length of us on the port bow. In the bottom of the boat were two human figures, and one of them was a woman, and all around the boat the sea was alive with sharks. They were diving under the craft, running their noses against it and seeking in other ways to upset it. Had it been a shore boat it could not have withstood their attacks.

As soon as we caught sight of the boat the mate ran to call the captain. By the time he had arrived the boat had drifted right down against us, and one of the crew lowered himself down and fastened the painter. Then I got down to assist him, and we passed up the bodies—the man first. We might as well have dropped him into the sea, for he had been dead at least twenty-four hours. As we lifted up the woman, having not a doubt that she was also dead, she moved and uttered a groan and gave us a great fright. We had her on board in a couple of minutes, and the small boat, which was a captain's gig, new and without a name, was later hoisted up. We found the woman greatly exhausted through thirst and hunger, but with life enough to build hopes on, and she was cared for so well that at the end of two or three hours it was reported that she had fallen into a deep sleep and would probably pull through.

It may surprise you to learn how long that castaway female slept. At intervals the captain raised her head to administer soup or drink, but not actually to interrupt her sleep, and she did not open her eyes till fifty hours had passed. Then sleep had brought her fully back to life. It was two or three days later, however, before we heard her story, or, to our great amazement, learned that there was no story to tell. The woman could remember nothing of the past—not even her name.

If you have read Clark Russell you will remember two such incidents in his books. You may have set them down as "sailors' yarns," but such things have happened on land a dozen times over. The woman awoke to find herself aboard a strange ship, with strange men about her. She was handsome and well formed, English in looks and speech, but she wore no jewelry and had neither a purse nor a cardcase. When asked how she came to be at sea with the man in the gig—whether she had visited Madeira or the Azores—whether she lived in England or elsewhere—she could tell absolutely nothing. She began a new life as she opened her eyes in the cabin of the Tornado.

To add to the romance, or, rather, to make a romance of it, our captain fell in love with the woman, and she returned the sentiment. She would have married him at the end of a few months, but he dared not chance it. He fully believed that she was already a wife and that word must come from her husband sooner or later. As for her, the past was dead. It was doubted whether she would remember her husband if he came to claim her. She loved as any single woman might love.

When two years had passed away and no word had been received Captain Clark and the woman were married, and he took her to Wilmington, N. C., to reside. He made three or four trips to European ports after that and then quit the sea and established himself ashore as a ship chandler.

One evening four years after the wedding the captain of an English ship just in called at the chandler's in the way of trade. Something happened to be said about the Azores, and the stranger at once began a sorrowful story. Six years before while his ship was at the islands his wife attempted to return to the ship in the face of a squall, and the boat was upset and the occupants lost. They found neither boat nor bodies, but had no doubt about the calamity. The husband was nearly crazed with grief and was a victim of brain fever for many months. The story was not half told when Captain Clark knew that the woman's real husband stood before him.

Whether he would have suppressed the truth or boldly stated it no man but he can tell, but he was not put to the trial. The climax was a curious one, but in keeping. The stranger, who gave his name as Burke, was looking at Captain Clark in a puzzled way as he told his story, perhaps having some faint intuition of the truth, when a small anchor swinging from a beam above his head broke loose from its fastenings and fell upon and crushed the life out of him, and he was dead with the words of his story yet upon his lips.

Not a word was told the woman, and she died ten years later without the mystery having been explained to her. When the name Burke was mentioned to her it did not affect her in the slightest, and no more did the name of her husband's ship. The past was so completely dead to her that she would positively have refused to recognize her husband's claim. M. QUAD.

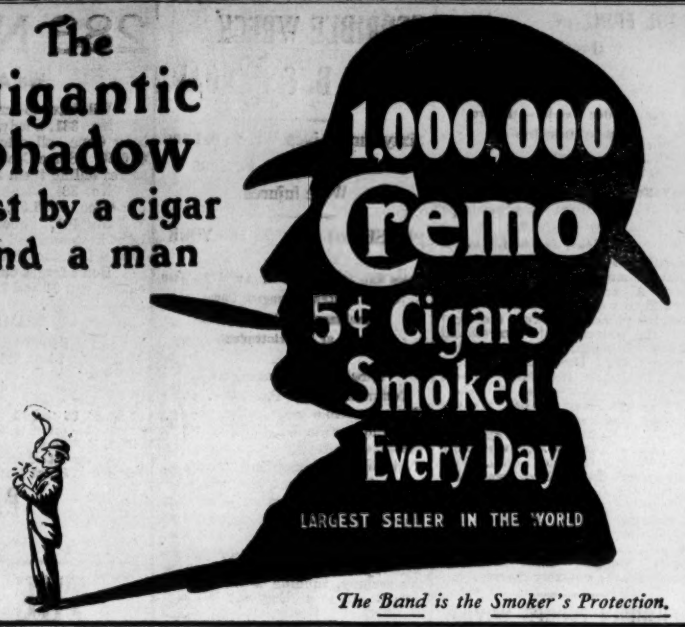
Four Great Musicians.

Palestrina was a revolutionist in his day, but is now virtually obsolete even for the severest classicists. Gluck was as radical an innovator as Wagner, yet it is only occasionally and with difficulty that one of his works can now be briefly resuscitated. Beethoven was a madman even to many of the best musicians as late as 1805, when, as that musical veteran, Professor Haupt, himself said, the "Fifth Symphony" was rehearsed in Berlin for the first time, and the orchestra dashed the music from the racks, declaring it was crazy and could never be played. Now this same "Fifth Symphony" is considered a model of form, and its composer is the cherished idol of conservatives and classicists.

Pity For Western Nations.

The Chinese enjoy the greatest liberty. The laws of the western nation are too numerous and too severe. Instances of their bondage may be given. All the children in the country are bound to attend school at a certain age. When an author wants to print a book, he has to ask for a copyright. Before a man can start a newspaper he must apply for a certificate from his government sanctioning him to do so. There are fixed regulations governing all companies and firms. All marriages must be reported to a certain department for registration. Thus there is no liberty between husband and wife.—Peking Sin Pao.

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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Wills, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Wills et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 18

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

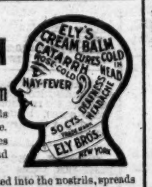
4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to northern line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, Block 470. WALTER P. GAFFORD,

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For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3 50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents, ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c.; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $3.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine chips, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

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3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
†6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
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Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:30 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m, arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 6:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:03 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:30 a m, Pembroke 1:30 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	} 8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 56 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 51 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 26 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	2 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 15 p m	4 27 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	1 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 52 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 40 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.



To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 39	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 1 00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P M and with W & W. train from the North at 3 05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber shop is the place.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. DEC. 24.

PRETTY WEDDING AT IVANHOE.

Miss Annie B. Black Married Yesterday Afternoon to Mr. Angus Cromartie.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

IVANHOE, N.C., Dec. 23.—The historic Black River Presbyterian church was the scene of a beautiful wedding at 3 o'clock this afternoon when Rev. V. H. Starbuck in a most impressive service and in the midst of most pleasant environment, united in marriage Miss Annie Belle Black and Mr. Angus Cromartie, popular and highly esteemed young people of this county. The church was tastefully decorated with a wealth of evergreens and pretty ornaments. The wedding marches were skilfully rendered by Miss Mary Wright and the church was crowded with friends and relatives of the young people, who were gallantly ushered to their seats by Messrs. H. B. Corbett and P. P. Murphy.

The best man of the groom was Mr. James Cromartie and the maid of honor Miss Elizabeth Black. The bridesmaids and groomsman were: Miss Norma Alexander with Mr. I. W. Murphy; Miss Margaret Cromartie with Mr. John Ferrall; Miss Ellen Cromartie with Mr. Robert G. Grady; Miss Janet McDonald with Mr. Eric Clark; Miss Berta Cromartie with Mr. Marion Whitted; Miss Bettie Wright with Mr. David Sloan.

The wedding was in lovely red and white. The bride wore a stylish gown of white creme de chine. Miss Laura Belle Jordan, the flower girl, carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore white broadcloth and carried red carnations. The ushers and groomsmen were attired in conventional black.

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

The Chicago Livery Drivers' Strike—No Settlement—Police Protection for Funerals Ordered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The struggle between the Livery Men and Undertakers' Association and the Livery Drivers' Union, which for the past six days has seriously interfered with the burial of Chicago's dead, as no hearses or carriages have been available for funerals, is to be a fight to the finish, all efforts looking to a settlement of the strike by conciliation having been abandoned to-night.

At a meeting to-night of the employers affected by the strike it was decided to open for business to-morrow morning on the "open shop" principle, and employ union or non-union men. Before this decision was reached arrangements were made to petition one of the circuit court judges the first thing to morrow morning for an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering with the business of the employers.

In anticipation of opposition by the union the employers to-day called upon Chief of Police O'Neill for further police protection against violence and picketing. In reply, Chief O'Neill said: "The police have been ordered to extend you the utmost protection in carrying on funerals. If you experience the slightest trouble call up the nearest police station, and if that does not help, call me up."

THE FRIAR LANDS.

Contracts for Purchase Signed—The Provision for Payment.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt and Secretaries Root and Shaw had an extended conference to-day regarding the issue of bonds for the obtaining of the money with which to pay for the Friar lands in the Philippines.

Secretary Root is in receipt of a cablegram from Governor Taft announcing that the contracts for the purchase of the lands were signed yesterday afternoon. The provision for payment, Governor Taft indicates, is that the government shall use due diligence in the necessary surveys, examination of title and sale of bonds, and shall complete the purchase within the period not exceeding six months from the date of contract. Unless new surveys shall differ materially from the Villegas survey, the exact amount of the purchase price of the lands is $7,239,784. The lands to be purchased aggregate 391,000 acres.

At the conference to-day it was determined to authorize the issue of $7,000,000 of four per cent. Philippine bonds, redeemable after ten and within thirty years. They will be offered for sale early in January. An act of the last Congress provided for the issue of such bonds. They will be accepted by the government as security for the deposit of public funds.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON MARKET.

The Bull Leader Forced May Option Above the 14 Cent Mark.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 23.—The volume of to-day's business in the cotton market was colossal and the excitement which has pervaded the exchange the past ten days was if anything intensified. Prices fluctuated widely. May sold above the 14 cent mark. Brown pushing it to 14.08, later taking about 10,000 bales around 13.90. He forced March up eighteen points and at 13.83 bid for 10,000 bales. He and his brokers bought almost everything offered. Prices broke and recovered unceasingly, the bull leader several times furnishing much needed support.

RACE RIOT IN GEORGIA.

Valdosta Military Company Assembling to March to Hahira.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec 23.—Word from the telephone operator at Valdosta, received by the *Telegraph*, says the Governor's message to the captain of the Valdosta military company has been delivered by courier and that the company is assembling. They will have to march fourteen miles to Hahira. It is said to be a race riot, but Valdosta is not informed of the facts.

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WAR IN FAR EAST ALMOST CERTAIN.

Everything Hinges Upon Russia's Reply to Japan's Request for Reconsideration.

LITTLE HOPE OF AGREEMENT.

Japan Only Waiting for Great Britain to Give the Word Before Beginning Hostilities—Developments Awaited in China With Anxiety.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, Dec. 23.—That there is only a faint prospect that war between Japan and Russia can be averted is said to be the opinion of the two members of the diplomatic corps at the Chinese capital, whose opinions regarding the present critical condition of affairs in the Far East are probably most valuable, namely, Japanese Minister Uchida and Sir Ernest Mason Satow. Their views, in fact, are no secret.

Minister Satow was connected with the British diplomatic service in Japan for a quarter of a century. He is one of the greatest living authorities on Japanese history and literature, and is in constant communication with the foremost statesmen of Japan. He is quoted as saying that any one who imagines that Japan will not fight for what she conceives to be her greatest interests does not know the Japanese people. Minister Uchida is an adherent of the "Young Japan party," and has always advocated war, if necessary, to secure the evacuation of Manchuria.

The optimistic feelings in some quarters concerning war between Japan and Russia are not shared by the old diplomats at Pekin whose knowledge of the present situation of affairs entitles their opinion to the highest consideration. It is positively known that the Japanese government has drawn the line for a settlement, beyond which it will not make any material changes, and that she is determined to fight before yielding what she considers to be her vital interests. It is believed that unless Russia concedes important points another exchange of notes will resent an arrangement holding in abeyance the question of the evacuation of Manchuria, which was one of the terms of the proposed arrangement recently announced from St. Petersburg, and which, it is now supposed, was intended by the Russian government as a "feeler." This would be a violation of expressed pledges given to Japan and China.

The most dangerous factors in the situation are the confidence of the Russian officials in the Far East that a war would mean an easy victory for Russia and the challenging tone of the Russian officials and newspapers.

The intelligent Chinese officials await developments with the deepest anxiety. They forsee the many perils menacing China in the event of war and the possibilities that a partition of the empire may result from China's inability to maintain the neutrality of her harbors and subjects.

The younger officials and the newspapers discuss the possibilities of an alliance between China and Japan, but the only available Chinese troops are the 15,000 Japanese trained men of Yuan-Shi-Kai (who was recently appointed commander of the imperial army and navy) who might fight under foreign leaders, but whose present officers are incompetent and of doubtful courage.

Sir Robert Hart, director of the imperial Chinese maritime customs, said to day that he feared China would be the chief sufferer should war occur, for she might be ground between the two millstones.

The decadence of the Chinese government has never been more completely displayed than in these times when her ministers go from legation to legation imploring younger governments to help China without any thought of China helping herself. There is absolutely no strong man among the ruling ministers—no Prince Chung, Marquis Tseng, nor Li Hung Chang—all are venerable conservatives like Prince Ching. Wu Ting Fang, the well known ex-minister to the United States, tells his official friends that he despairs of China's future. "I see no hope" he says, "for China. The partition of the empire sooner or later is inevitable."

Japan's Preparations.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Tokio, says:

"Incessant activity prevails at military headquarters. The transport and other arrangements are complete. The government is calmly awaiting the Russian reply, which it is hoped, will be forthcoming without delay.

Press dispatches from Corea report continued disturbances at Mok-Pho and outbreak of a Tong-Hak insurrection in Cho-La province. The Tong-Haks are a party of malcontents whose activity was the immediate cause of war between China and Japan. These reports create uneasiness.

Waiting Upon Great Britain.

BERLIN, December 23.—The German Foreign Office in estimating the probabilities of war in the Far East fixes its attention at this moment on Great Britain rather than Japan, for it is recognized that Japan is only waiting for Great Britain to give the word before beginning hostilities. A new and even portentious element in the situation, as it is looked upon here, is the rising feeling in Great Britain that Russia must yield or Japan and Great Britain ought to fight her.

The Associated Press learns from the highest diplomatic source that the German government, while still refusing to believe that war is certain, is convinced now that if war between Russia and Japan comes, Great Britain will take part in it, because the British government looks upon war as possibly the only means of saving and re-establishing her position in the Far East.

Sir Frank Lascelles, the British ambassador, who returned here from England three days ago, is understood to have imparted his impression unofficially to the German government that the British cabinet apprehend that war would result if Russia persisted in her present attitude toward Japan. This expression of opinion by the ambassador was stripped of all suggestion that great Britain might participate, but great significance is attributed to it.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British Foreign office declined to discuss the statements made in the Associated Press dispatch from Berlin to-day on the ground that "the contingency was too hypothetical."

At the German and other embassies the impression prevails, not, however, based on any official communication from the British government, that the Russian-Japanese negotiations have reached such a point that it would not be at all surprising if Great Britain expressed her willingness, providing that Japan accept a certain specified compromise, to guarantee to back up Japan if necessary by force of arms.

There is no known developments, and the diplomats cannot expect any immediately or until the Russian reply to Japan's request for a reconsideration of the latest Russian note is received.

PISTOL FIGHT IN A GAMBLING ROOM.

One Man Was Killed and Two Men Were Wounded, One Fatally—All Professional Gamblers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 23.—As the result of a pistol fight in a gambling room at an early hour to-day, Thomas J. Reynolds is dead, James L. Doss is breathing his last in a hospital, and Julian Rosenthal is wounded at his home. All are professional gamblers. The difficulty occurred in Doss' place. From the evidence it seems the fight was the outcome of professional jealouy. Rosenthal ran an opposition room to that of Doss. This morning after 3 o'clock Rosenthal entered Doss' room and began to play. The play was heavy, the bets running into the hundreds. Rosenthal was loser. A dispute concerning chips arose, and in a second revolvers were drawn and a fusilade began. Five shots were fired. Doss was shot through the stomach. Reynolds, an employe of the room, received almost an identical wound. Rosenthal was shot in the hip, the bullet lodging against a bone. Reynolds died in the hospital to-night. Doss is dying. Rosenthal will probably recover.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS MOVING.

Another Detachment Landed at Titumati. Gen. Reyes to Return to Colombia to Take Charge of the Army.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following cablegram was received at the Navy Department to-day from Rear Admiral Coghlan, dated at Colon;

"Mayflower reports met with the Pinzon, Colombian steamer, carrying three hundred men and munitions, bound for base at Titumati."

Gen. Reyes to Return to Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"War on Panama means war with the United States" is the substance of cablegrams which Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, is sending to the Bogota government and to his more influential followers throughout Colombia, realizing the gravity of the situation. He is trying to bring the Colombian people face to face with the conditions here. He is convinced that the United States will not permit a Colombian army to land within the territory of Panama.

Gen. Reyes has not been in any hurry to complete his mission in Washington, thinking that in the meantime the war feeling in Colombia would subside. Dispatches, however, which he has received from President Marroquin and from influential Colombians have caused him to hasten his work and it is his present intention to return to Colombia and assume personal command of the army as soon as he has filed his statement at the State Department. In Colombian quarters it is pointed out that unless Gen. Reyes soon returns the war party in Bogota will gain the upper hand and his hitherto prominent influence there will be seriously injured.

IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Engineer Killed and Ten Persons Injured on the L. & N. Railroad Near New Castle, Ala.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 23.—As the result of a head-on collision near New Castle, Ala., twenty miles south of Birmingham, this afternoon, between the second section of the Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 3 and the Decatur accommodation, Engineer Wright, of the accommodation, is reported dead, and ten persons more or less severely and seriously injured.

The list of injured includes eight of the accommodation's passengers, the colored fireman, and the express messenger of the accommodation. The names of the injured passengers cannot be learned until the relief train which was sent out from Birmingham reaches this city.

It is understood that the accident was caused by the second section of No. 3 disregarding its orders that provided that No. 3 should pass the Decatur accommodation at Morrisswitch, New Castle.

No. 3 which left Louisville at 3 o'clock this morning was made up into two sections on account of the heavy holiday travel and the ill-fated second section of the train was crowded with passengers.

COMING OF ROMEO AND JULIET.

Christmas Day Attraction at Academy. Sale Opens This Morning.

One of the notable events of the season will be the Simvelle revival of Shakespeare's beautiful love story, "Romeo and Juliet" at the Academy, Dec. 25th. "Romeo and Juliet" is the immortal story of youth and love. Taking incidents which really happened in Verona, Shakespeare constructed a drama which will last as long as the race endures. Without affectation, without artificiality, it is as natural as Nature itself. That is the reason of its endurance.

Advance sale of reserved seats opens this morning at Plummer's. Matinee Friday afternoon 3 P. M. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

PRETTY MORNING MARRIAGE.

Miss Callie P. Bronson Became the Bride of Mr. Thos. A. Wortham.

Miss Callie P. Bronson, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Bronson, and Mr. Thomas A. Wortham, were married yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, No. 419 Grace street. The wedding was very quiet and only a few friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortham left on the morning train over the S. A. L. for Oxford and Durham where they will spend the holidays.

The groom is a well known young baggagemaster on the Atlantic Coast Line. The bride is very popular among many friends.

Mrs. Gillis, of Alabama, and Mrs. Benton, of Richmond, sisters of the bride, were here for the nuptials. Miss Allie McIntyre, of Teachey's, N. C., was also one of the attendants.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at B. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

TERRIBLE WRECK ON B. & O. ROAD.

Sixty-three Lives Were Lost and Thirty or More Persons Were Injured.

PITTSBURG TO NEW YORK.

Train Ran Into a Pile of Lumber—Cars Torn to Pieces—Plunged Down an Embankment — Official Statement of Superintendent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 23.—With a terrible crash and groaning the Duquesn limited, the fast through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, ploughed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock this evening and it is estimated that sixty-three lives were lost and thirty persons were injured. The train left Pittsburg this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of road bed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly, the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning application of the air-brakes and a moment later there was a terrific crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining car, and was carrying at the time, at the lowest estimate, 150 passenger. The train ploughed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiogheny river.

The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many persons were pinioned beneath the wreckage and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, caught beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for relief. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

The wrecked train was known as No. 12, east-bound, composed of an engine, combination baggage and smoker, two coaches, two Pullmans and a diner.

The official statement of Superintendent W. C. Liree follows:

"No. 12 was derailed by running into some switch timbers or timbers of about that size, derailing the engine and all cars. All the cars are badly damaged. Do not think any of the equipment will be able to go away from the accident on their own wheels except possibly the Pullman cars and the diner. The engine lies across both tracks. The baggage car is over the bank. The first coach is partly over the bank; balance of the train badly twisted. I judge 63 people killed. All the people killed were in the smoker. Escaping steam from the engine went into the first coach, scalding the people. Very few of the other passengers were injured. Injured have been taken from wreck and are lying on the bank. Engineer and fireman cannot be found."

The first report of the wreck said the Duquesne flyer was involved, but this train does not leave Pittsburg until after the wreck occurred.

Details are lacking, but it is understood that as the passenger was passing a freight some broken timbers fell from a car directly in front of the passenger, throwing the engine from the track, followed by the balance of the train.

The dead are: Engineer William Thornley of Hazelwood, Pa; Division Engineer S. G. Healer, of Hazelwood, Pa.; Fireman Thomas Cook, of Hazelwood, Pa; Herbert Holmes, of Emmelton, Pa.; Jessie Hines, Tarboro, N. C., the Union News Company agent on the train; Charles Linford, of Confluence, Pa.; — Edwards, Pittsburg, wife in Cumberland; J. W. Martin, Hancock, Md.; Richard Duckett, Baltimore, Md.; Esson Goldsmith, Connellsville, Pa. The other fifty-three dead are mostly foreigners and negroes who were riding in the smoking car. The work of their identification has not yet begun.

The killed, most of them, were foreigners who were in the smoker, just back of the baggage car. They were literally roasted to death, the baggage and smoker telescoping the engine and immediately catching fire. Their bodies are lying, many of them burned to a crisp, in the baggage room of the Baltimore and Ohio depot, to be removed later to the different undertaking shops in the city. The entire population has turned out en masse to assist in caring for the living and in disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is the fact that not a woman was injured, except slightly.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the castings on a car load of bridge timbers on a west bound freight train, which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to detect the obstruction of the tracks.

Hardly had the bodies of the dead been removed from the coaches when thieves began robbing the dead of jewelry and money. Special officers were deputized and with the aid of the Baltimore and Ohio police force and Connellsville officers the work of the ghouls was stopped. Several persons are under suspicion and arrests will follow to-morrow.

New Police Clubs,

Chief of Police Furlong has just received for the department three dozen handsome rosewood clubs from S. A. French, the well known police supply manufacturer of New York. The clubs are 23 inches in length and are of the regulation size and pattern of those used in New York by the day men.

Burnett's Vanilla Extract is the fixed standard of excellence. It has outlived criticism. It is the finest and purest vanilla extract that can be bought.

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Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13 00.

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No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $3; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

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dec 15 tf

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From now till Christmas, it s only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

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Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

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Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Company Chartered for Purchase of Well Established Agricultural Paper.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Agricultural Publishing Company was chartered to-day to purchase the *Progressive Farmer* from J. W. Denmark and the heirs of the late Col. L. L. Polk. C. H. Poe, the present editor of the paper, is president, and T. P. Parker, secretary of the Farmers' Alliance, is secretary and treasurer. The other incorporators are Chas. W. Burkett, of the chair of agriculture in the A. & M. College; State Chemist B. W. Kilgore and Editor J. W. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder*. The capital is $10,000.

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Wanted—6x8 8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write S. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 6t

Notice is hereby given that I will make application to the Board of Aldermen and Board of County Commissioners to retail liquors at No. 5 south second street. J. B. J. Sandlin. dec 22 2t

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For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

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The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 19 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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